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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Prince Hearn, Jr. of Rockford, who passed away on August 17, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Prince Hearn, Jr. graduated from Harlem High School in 1960; he served in the Marine Corps and married Mary Byrd, a fellow Marine; and

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WHEREAS, Prince Hearn, Jr. retired in 1997 after 25 years as a Winnebago County Sheriff's deputy; he was the first black patrol sergeant in Winnebago County; and

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WHEREAS, Prince Hearn, Jr. played semiprofessional football until he was 46; he played defensive end for the Rockford Rams, the city's first professional football team, earning a semipro Super Bowl ring in 1987; he was inducted into the American Football Association Semi-Pro Hall of Fame in 1986; he was also an avid equestrian and a powerful softball slugger in competitive recreational leagues around town; and

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WHEREAS, Prince Hearn, Jr. is survived by his wife of 51 years, Mary; his 3 sons, Prince III, Jason, and Brandon; his sisters, Freddie Mae Jackson and Ella Mae Jones; and his 8 grandchildren; therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Prince Hearn, Jr., and extend our sincere condolences to his
4 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Prince Hearn, Jr. as an expression
8 of our deepest sympathy.